Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government make it a point that even though they have to spend larger and larger amounts on college education, that primary education does not suffer?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government are going to wind up the college extension as rapidly as possible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government any idea of the percentage of boys and girls who might not obtain primary education?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Do these figures take the capital outlay?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Appointment of Mr. Mills.

68. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

whether it is a fact that it was at the instance of the Director of Public Instruction that Mr. Mills was appointed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Mr. Mills was not appointed at the instance of the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Was he an applicant?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He was not an applicant.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—At whose instance was that appointment made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—At whose instance was he appointed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot say. We have no further information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were there any applicants for this post?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There were some.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know at least a few of those names?

Mr. President.—You can give him a list. That will be supplied to the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has not the importation of Mr. Mills as the Principal of the Maharaja's College created discontent amongst the existing staff who have been admitted to be exceptionally efficient men?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—There has been a certain amount of discontent among those who considered themselves suited to this post.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to consider that no member of the existing staff of the Maharaja's College in the eyes of the Government was competent enough to hold this responsible post?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not expressed that opinion at all. This is not a question laid down by minimum qualifications. It is a question selecting the most suitable man available.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What were the exceptional qualifications of Mr. Mills satisfying the conditions mentioned by the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no further information on the point.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is it because that he was a great disciplinarian? Has he not improved the discipline of the college?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was the discipline of the college loose before?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Then we would have taken action. Anyhow the discipline of the College has greatly improved now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the discipline of the College has suffered in the days of the previous principals?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That inference is wrong. The discipline has greatly improved since Mr. Mills has assumed charge. I think there have been adjournment motions here with regard to some certificate not being sent up and pupils not allowed to sit for the examination. Therefore I do not stand to give any fresh information to the Hon'ble Member for Wadakancheri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are there not members on the staff of the Maharaja's College who have acted as Principals and admittedly with satisfaction?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I can say that some have officiated during short intervals.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do not Government take into consideration the Standing Order pertaining to the appoint of officiating officers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Standing Order does not say that the acting appointment confers a catagorical right of reappointment. It is only a tentative claim for reconsideration.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Standing Order say that in making officiating appointments care should be taken to see that when the office falls permanently vacant the selection is of such a person as to fit in with the permanent vacancy?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice. I can however say that Government while making stop gap arrangements did not contemplate at all the question of the appointment of the permanent Principal.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Did the Government know before his appointment that he was a great disciplinarian?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He had a high reputation.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—May I know how the Government was aware of that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have made enquiries.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Is it from statistics?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government enquired and ascertained his character and attainments and satisfied themselves that he would be an excellent Principal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the position which Mr. Mills was occupying before he was appointed Principal?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He was a Professor of Physics in the Madras Christian College.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How did the Government come to know that a mere professor in a college will be a disciplinarian?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Because enquiries were made by Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What kind of enquiries were made by Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information. No further information can be given by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether Mr. Mills at the time of his appointment in the Maharajas College was the chief Professor of Physics where he was working?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There were two professors in Physics and he was one of the two.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who was the Chief Professor?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—One is old and the other was younger. But both were independent of each other.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—How long was he a Professor in the Christian College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—6 years.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Was he acquainted with the Director of Public Instruction before?

Mr. President.—That question does not concern Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Hon'ble Member know that the desirability of having a European principal was on more than one occasion discussed on the floor of this House and the idea negatived?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Possible.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—What are the particular occasions for a Professor of a College to show that he is a great disciplinarian?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is hypothetical.

Mr. President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Was any advertisement made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—ഈ പ്രിൻസിപ്പാളിനെ വച്ചത് ആരാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അദ്ദേഹത്തെ അപ്പായിൻറു ചെയ്തതോ, അദ്ദേഹം തന്നൊത്താൻ കയറിവന്നതോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം. (ചിരി)

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.— അപ്പായിൻറുമെൻറു കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾതന്നെ വന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— ഈ അപ്പായിൻറുമെൻറു് ആരുടെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരമാണെന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.— ഗവമ്മെൻറിൻെറ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരമാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— ഗവമ്മെൻറു് എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ദിവാൻജിയെന്നോ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെന്നോ എന്താണു ധരിയ്ക്കേണ്ടതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—കൊച്ചി ഗവമ്മെൻറിനെപ്പറ്റി ഞാൻപറയാതെ തന്നെ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർക്കു് അറിയാവുന്നതാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—ഗവമ്മെൻറു എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ദിവാൻജിയാണെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു പറഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—ഗവർമ്മെൻറ് എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ എന്നെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം വ്യക്തിപരമായി മറുപടി പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—ഇത്ര വലുതായ ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ ഒരാളെ വച്ചതു് ആരാണെന്നും ഏതുതരത്തിലാണെന്നും മറുപടി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ കൊച്ചീ ഗവർമ്മെൻറ് തയ്യാറുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—കൊച്ചീ ഗവർമ്മെൻറാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ആവശ്യമുള്ള മറുപടി തന്നുവെന്നാണു വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം.—അതു് ആരാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ എന്താണു് ഇത്ര മടി? (ചിരി.)

Educational Survey Report.

69. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state what has become of the Educational Survey Report?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The attention of the Honourable Member is drawn to paragraph (7) of the speech of the Diwan in opening the Legislative Council on 29th July 1935.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Can we now expect that this Educational Survey report will not stand in the way of Government passing orders?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—On this subject orders will be issued according to the requirements.

Protector of Depressed Classes—Complaint against.

70. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have received any complaints, petitions or representations against the Protector of the Depressed Classes;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place on the table those petitions concerning the Protector of the Depressed Classes with the Government orders passed thereon?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) and (b). It is not possible to afford an answer to the question unless the period to which the alleged complaints relate is specified.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—When was the Protector of the Depressed Classes appointed?

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